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SUBJ: ARAMCO LABOR NEEDS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

1. IN RESPONSE YOUR COMMERCIAL CABLE RECEIVED SEPT. 3
EMBASSY NICOSIA HAS CONTACTED GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS
MINISTRY OF LABOR AND RESEARCHED LOCAL LABOR AVAILABILITY
TO MEET YOUR NEED FOR 1000 TECHNICIAN/PROFESSIONAL
WORKERS FOR YOUR SAUDI ARABIAN PROJECTS.

2. CYPRUS EXPECTS SCARCITY OF GENERAL CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
UNTIL EARLY 1977. OTHER CATAGORIES WORKERS AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:
AVERAGE LOCAL MONTHLY WAGES IN DOLLARS EXCLUDING FRINGE AND
OTHER PAID BENEFITS ARE IN PARENTHESES. NUMBERS AVAIL-
ABLE ARE APPROXIMATION ONLY:

A) MEDICAL DOCTORS AND DENTISTS. 10-20 AVAILABLE
(\$800).

B) NURSES. 2-5 AVAILABLE (\$220).

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C) CLERK-TYPISTS. AROUND 20 AVAILABLE (\$200).

- D) ENGINEERS. 2-5 AVAILABLE (\$600).
- E) AUTO MECHANICS, WELDERS, MACHINISTS. 20-30 AVAILABLE (\$200).
- F) DRAFTSMEN. 10-13 AVAILABLE (\$250).

3. MOVEMENT OF LABOR OUT OF CYPRUS REQUIRES GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS CONCURRENCE; CONTRACT TERMS MUST BE CLEARED WITH LOCAL UNIONS. CERTAIN MILITARY DUTY LIMITATIONS APPLY TO MALES. SKILLED FULLY-EMPLOYED CYPRIOTS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY IF THEY ARE IN LABOR-SHORT SKILL CATEGORY. MOST CYPRIOTS SPEAK ENGLISH ALTHOUGH SOME SKILLED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS MAY NOT.

4. SUGGEST ARAMCO CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH DR. ANTHONY PROTOPAPAS, SENIOR EMPLOYMENT OFFICER, MINISTRY OF LABOUR, NICOSIA, CYPRUS. BELIEVE IF RECRUITMENT IN CYPRUS IS CONTEMPLATED, ARAMCO SHOULD SEND PERSONNEL OFFICER TO NICOSIA FOR 10-15 DAYS FOR DISCUSSIONS DIRECTLY WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. DILLERY UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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